

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, America is a nation of immigrants from every land across the face of the earth whose sons and daughters have always brought great gifts to their new home and these shores - gifts of hardiness and heart, of intellect and hope; and,

WHEREAS, There is a class of individuals who have been hiding in the shadows, without access to many of the benefits of a free and open society for years and years because of their unsettled legal status; and,

WHEREAS, The nation has decided to stretch her arms and generously embrace the tired lives of these people by enacting the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, giving eligible persons a limited time in which to become legal residents; and,

WHEREAS, In Minnesota, many of these men, women and children are now able to step into the sunlight and ultimately become Americans, if they have remained in this country under the dark shadow since January 1, 1982, or are certain seasonal agricultural workers contributing to the production of perishable products in this nation for certain periods of time provided under the Act; and,

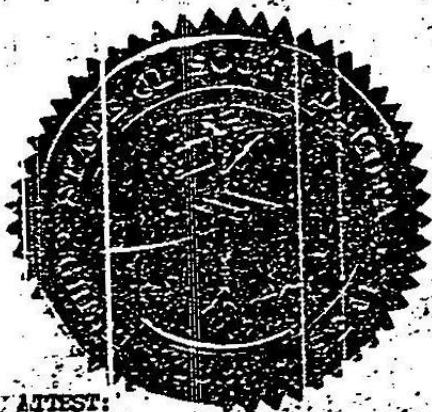
WHEREAS, The State of South Dakota has traditionally cherished its immigrant heritage; and,

WHEREAS, The state's culture and economy, particularly the farm economy, have been enhanced and enriched by hardworking new immigrants:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 11, 1988, as

#### LEGALIZATION DAY

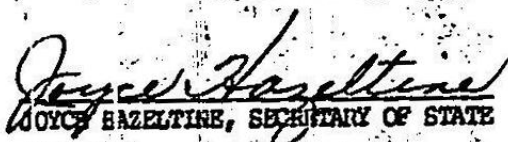
in South Dakota, and I call upon the people of the state to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

  
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

  
JOYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE